Presentation of the budget for 1106 M. E.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, it has been my privilege ever since the inauguration of our Legislative Council by His Highness our benign Maharaja—about whose earnest solicitude for the progressive well-being of His Highness' subjects it will be highly presumptuous on my part to speak—to introduce the budget estimates in the legislature for their approval. For five successive years it has thus fallen to my lot to present the estimates, and I have always endeavoured to place them in as lucid a manner as possible. Criticisms there have been and in the very nature of things will continue—no human institutions can claim perfection—and Government have taken them in the true spirit in which they were offered by the representatives of the people. They have done their best during these strenuous years to remove the defects pointed out as far as it was possible for them to do and make improvements wherever necessary. Since this is the last Budget Session of the Second Legislative Council, I shall, as falls within the province of a Finance Member, attempt to give a financial resume of the measures undertaken and to be undertaken in accordance with the representations made and consonant with the Government policy. I am emboldened in my task by the firm belief that, in spite of the all-round progress which we have made and in spite of the steady growth of expenditure during the period, we have been enabled to maintain a satisfactory state of affairs indicative of a sound financial position—a position which can give no room for anxiety for some years to come.

A retrospect.—The five years that have thus passed since the opening of the Council are years, which, I venture to hope, we shall be justified in looking back upon as a period of steady progress to a condition of financial ease, administrative improvement and material advance. The net surplus to the credit of the State which stood at Rs. 41·56 lakhs at the end of 1100 rose to Rs. 93·49 lakhs at the end of 1104, not by stinting expenditure on Departments catering to the welfare of the people, not by tapping new sources of revenue by the imposition of fresh taxation, but by a judicious and discriminate handling of the State Finance and by a scrupulous care to see that the money was spent properly in the true interests of the State. There has been no rush after big schemes in youthful impetuousity, but, on the other hand, schemes for material progress have been conceived and are being developed with the calm considerateness of a mature age following the motto 'Hasten slowly'—having in mind the sad experience of the results of the Potteries, the Tanneries, etc., in recent years.

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APPENDIX II.

MEMORANDUM

EXPLAINING

The Details of the Budget Estimates of 1106 M. E.

Changes in Classification.

Some changes in classification had to be adopted in the budget estimates of 1106 to suit the present requirements and the following are the more important among them:—

1. Under 'III Salt' the minor head 'sale of salt' is proposed to be substituted by 'Duty on salt' since the cost and freight charges of salt stored in the Sirkar depot are proposed to be debited in future to 'Advances' instead of to the service head 'Excise' and the sale proceeds representing the recovery of cost and freight are consequently to be credited to 'Advances.' Another sub-head 'Other sale proceeds' is proposed to represent the recovery of other charges incidental to the purchase of salt. The change is made in accordance with the suggestion of the Special Finance Committee.

2. Instructions have been received from the British Government that in future the Darbar have only to pay the actual cost of Ganga and that the Darbar themselves may levy the duty when effecting the sales instead of the present practice of paying the duty also at the time of the purchase and then obtaining Rebate in due course from the British Government. This has necessitated the substitution of a new head '4. Duty on Ganja' in the place of "Rebate of Duty on Ganja" under 'VI—Abkari and Ganja'.

3. For reasons assigned above the minor head '4. Rebate of Duty on Opium' has been proposed to be replaced by '4. Duty on Opium' under 'VII—Opium'.

4. Under 'XVII—Police' five minor sub-heads have been opened to exhibit the different classes of receipts under the Motor Vehicles Regulation, *viz.*

a. Registration fees.
b. Fees for license.
c. ,, brake certificates.
d. ,, G. certificates.
e. ,, Conductors' Pass Books and Badges.

5. A new sub-head 'Receipts from Mental Hospital' has been opened under 'XX—Medical' to exhibit the receipts from industrial recreations introduced there.

6. With the opening of the 'Irwin Park' which is a votable item of expenditure, the non-votable sub-head 'Maintenance of Gardens' under 'Agriculture and Panchayats' had to be split into (1)—'Maintenance of Palace 'Gardens' (non-votable) and (2) 'Maintenance of other Gardens' (votable) comprising of the Irwin Park and the Hannington Park.

7. The sub-head 'Cooly charges' in connection with the issue of salt under 'Excise' has been altered to 'Charges for the storage and sale of salt' to represent all charges on account of salt except cost and freight payable to the contractor. The sub-head 'Purchase of salt' will disappear.

8. To exhibit the expenditure under 'Census Operations' a fresh sub head '5. Census Operations' has been opened under 'III-General Administration.'

9. It was considered desirable by the Special Finance Committee that the expenditure incurred for the maintenance of all State Conveyances as motor cars, boats, horses and carriages should be booked under a separate

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major head of account instead of two different heads, viz., 'Public Works' (Mechanical) and 'Miscellaneous'. A new major head of account has been opened accordingly as '32. State Conveyances' and the sub-heads therefor under 'Public Works' and 'Miscellaneous' transferred to the new major head.

ABSTRACT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The general financial position is brought out in the following statement which comprises the current year's budget and the revised estimates as also the budget estimate of the ensuing year.

	Budget estimate 1105 Rs.	Revised estimate 1105 Rs.	Budget estimate 1106 Rs.
Revenue	86,09,100	92,26,700	86,11,100
Expenditure	82,95,800	88,69,800	85,74,100
Surplus or deficit—	3,13,300	3,56,900	37,000

The budget estimate of 1105 was so framed as to leave a surplus of Rs. 3,13,300 after the year's transactions. The revised estimate shows an improvement of Rs. 6,17,600 in revenue and an increase of Rs. 5,74,000 in expenditure and thus raises the anticipated surplus from Rs. 3,13,300 to Rs. 3,56,900. The enhanced revenue is mainly contributed by 'Customs', 'Railway' etc. while the increased expenditure is chiefly under 'Public Works', 'Miscellaneous', etc.

REVISED ESTIMATES OF 1105.

RECEIPTS.

Land Revenue.—The revised estimate exceeds the budget estimate of Rs. 12,22,100 by Rs 14,400 mainly on account of the receipts under 'Fisheries—Miscellaneous' due to the adjustment of the compensation for fishing stakes received from the British Government during the year and under 'Quit rent arrears'. The exclusions and accretions could not be sold in the course of the year to the extent anticipated and hence the revised estimate under 'Capital' exhibits a fall of Rs. 10,000 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 30,000.

Stamps anticipates a decrease of Rs. 12,500 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 6,65,100 mainly due to the slackness in the sale of court-fee stamps, stamp papers and labels.

Customs.—The actual amount realised during the year under the Interportal Trade Convention has come to Rs. 15,88,819 against the modest anticipation of Rs. 12,00,000 in the budget estimate and the actual has accordingly been put down in the revised estimate.

Abkari and Ganja (Rs. 12,93,800) anticipates an increase in revenue of Rs. 39,200 over the budget estimate, the increases being partly under 'Excise duty on liquor issued from the Distillery' owing to increased consumption and partly under 'Tapping for fermented toddy.' Increase in the number of defaulters is expected to bring in an enhanced revenue of Rs. 7,500 as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 6,000 under 'Fines and forfeitures'. Under 'Ganja' also an increase in revenue is expected mainly on account of refund from the British Government, in this year itself,

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of the duty levied therefor according to the change in the system.

Opium.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,53,100 as against the budget estimate of Rs. 1,26,900 the increase being mainly under 'Duty on Opium' due to the new system under which the duty on drug is not to be remitted to the British Government at the time of indent. A refund is thus expected in this year itself from the British Government on account of the opium imported after 1st April 1930 as in the case of Ganja.

Tramway.—Due to the fall in the traffic carried for the public a decrease of Rs. 7,000 is expected as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 1,31,900.

Anchal.—The increase in the sale of stamps, etc., is expected to bring in an enhanced revenue of Rs. 7,000 over the budget estimate of Rs. 88,000 under 'Anchal'.

Police.—As against the budget estimate of Rs. 17,100 the revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 20,400 mainly on account of the increased receipts under the Motor Vehicles Regulation.

Education.—While the restrictions in the matter of admission of students to the Maharaja's College under instructions from the University Commission have resulted in a fall in the receipt under 'College classes', slight increases are anticipated under 'Secondary Education—Boys' and Girls' Schools'.

Medical.—Mainly on account of increased receipts from markets and also from Radiographic treatment the revised estimate under 'Medical' is expected to exceed the budget estimate of Rs. 15,300 by Rs. 4,600.

Public Works.—As against the budget estimate of Rs. 2,16,600 the revised estimate shows an increase of Rs. 52,700 mainly on account of higher amounts realised from tolls and ferries and partly due to the larger sale of unserviceable materials, to increased receipts under canal navigation, etc.

Railway anticipates an increase of one lakh of rupees over the budget estimate of Rs. 13,00,000 due to increased traffic.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Land Revenue.—The revised estimate (Rs. 2,65,000) exceeds the budget estimate by Rs. 20,700 mainly on account of the general revision of pay and partly on account of search fees in Agricultural loan cases (Miscellaneous) as also the entertainment of temporary staff for the verification of Valluvanad-Cochin Boundary.

Agriculture and Panchayats.—Besides the increase in cost on account of the general revision, the maintenance of the Irwin Park opened during the course of the year contributes towards the increase of Rs. 9,500 over the budget estimate.

Excise anticipates a fall in expenditure of Rs. 10,100 notwithstanding the general increase on account of revision, chiefly due to the fact that the full provision made for the purchase of salt is not proposed to be utilised during the year.

Forests.—As against the budget estimate of Rs. 3,75,800 the revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 3,67,700 only, the main reason for the fall being that the budgetted programme for the extraction of timber could not be carried through.

Registration.—The general increase in expenditure on account of the revision mainly accounts for the increase of Rs. 8,400 over the budget estimate of Rs. 70,300.

Anchal.—The revised estimate is expected to exceed the budget estimate of Rs. 71,900 by Rs. 6,100 mainly on account of the revision of pay.

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General Administration.—Apart from the increased cost of revision the 'Census operations' which were not budgetted for contribute to the anticipated increase in the revised estimate as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 1,14,600.

Law and Justice.—The large increase of Rs. 23,100 over the budget estimate of Rs. 2,53,300 is mainly caused by the reorganisation of pay.

Jails.—Under 'manufacture' the revised estimate falls short of the budget grant due to the smaller orders from the Medical Department and the consequent decrease in the quantity of raw materials purchased.

Education.—As compared with the budget estimate, the revised estimate shows a decrease of Rs. 3,200. Under 'Collegiate Education' there is a saving of Rs. 8,386, the decrease being mainly under 'Establishment'. Under 'Secondary Education—Boys' Schools' the revised estimate falls short of the budget estimate by Rs. 4,734, the decrease being chiefly under 'Grants-in-aid'. Under 'Secondary Education—Girls' a saving of Rs. 3,854 is expected under 'Establishment'. The establishment under 'Primary Education—Girls' also shows a decrease of Rs. 3,600. Against these decreases, 'Primary Education—Boys' schools,' anticipate an increase of Rs. 18,000, which is chiefly under 'Grants-in-aid'.

Vaccination.—The increase in the revised estimate as compared with the budget is mainly under 'cost of lymph' which is due to the outbreak of small-pox throughout the State.

Military anticipates an increase of Rs. 14,600 over the budget estimate, the increase being on account of revision and purchase of uniforms.

Public Works.—The revised estimate exceeds the budget estimate of Rs. 17,64,500 by Rs. 2,67,500, the increase being mainly due to the works carried out in connection with H. E. the Viceroy's visit, the Nelliampathy Road work, etc.

Scientific, etc, Departments.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,61,100 as against the budget estimate of Rs. 1,57,200, the increase being chiefly due to the provision made under 'Industrial Museum—other charges' for writing off the net deficit on account of the sale of cloth stocked in the museum.

Uplift of the Depressed Classes.—As compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 84,800, the revised estimate shows an increase of Rs. 11,800, the excess being chiefly under 'Feeding of primary boys,' 'lighting charges' and 'grants-in-aid.'

State Conveyances.—The revised estimate exceeds the budget grant of Rs. 77,900 by Rs. 36,000, due to the purchase of motor cars, etc., in connection with the visit of H. E. the Viceroy to the State.

Miscellaneous.—The revised estimate of Rs.2,96,400 exceeds the budget estimate by Rs. 1,94,500 the increase being chiefly under 'Subscriptions and donations' and 'Entertainment of State guests.' The grant of a donation of Rs. 1 lakh to the Benares Hindu University accounts for the increase under 'Subscription and donations' while H. E. the Viceroy's visit contributes to the increase under the other head.

BUDGET ESTIMATE OF 1106.

RECEIPTS.

Land Revenue.—The budget estimate for 1106 anticipates a decrease of Rs.10,700 as compared with the revised estimate of the current year, (Rs.12,36,500) the fall being chiefly under 'Quit rent' and 'Fisheries.' The increase under these heads in the revised estimate was due to special circumstances already explained. Under 'Capital' a revenue of Rs, 30,000 is

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anticipated as against the revised estimate of Rs. 20,000 due to the assignment of accretion lands and forest exclusions expected.

Customs.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 11,00,000 only as it is feared that the present political situation in India may affect the customs revenue as seen from the speeches of eminent financiers.

Abkari and Ganja.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 13,21,300 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 12,93,800. Under 'Rent on independent toddy shops' an increase of about Rs. 45,000 is expected owing to larger bids at auction sales, increase in tree tax, etc. Under 'Arrack shops', however, a decrease of about Rs. 8,400 is expected. Based on the budget estimate for the current year the receipts under 'Ganja' for 1106 are fixed at Rs. 51,290, the increase in the revised estimate having been due to special circumstances.

Opium.—The budget estimate for the next year is based more or less on that of the current year, the increase in the revised estimate having been due to special circumstances.

Tramway anticipates an increase of Rs. 11,000 over the revised estimate of Rs. 1,24,900 mainly on account of the increased traffic expected for the Forest Department.

Interest.—Against the revised estimate of Rs. 2,90,600, the budget estimate for 1106 is fixed at Rs. 3,11,800, the increase being due to the anticipated larger investments in Banks.

Education.—The budget estimate anticipates an increase of Rs. 6,500 over the revised estimate of Rs. 3, 19,900 chiefly due to larger admissions expected in Secondary Boys' Schools.

Public Works.—As against the revised estimate of Rs. 2,69,300 the budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 2,45,600, the decrease being chiefly under 'Tolls,' 'Ferries' and 'Receipts of the Mechanical and Electrical Department' which are fluctuating items.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Land Revenue.—As against the revised estimate of Rs. 2,65,000 the budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 2,75,300, the increase being mainly under 'Establishment' and 'Temporary establishment'. The increase under the latter head is due to the provisions made for verification of State boundaries, for the Survey school, for village officers, for the training of Tahsildars and clerks in treasury and account work and for a special officer for the renewal of State holdings in Puthenchira Pakuthi of Travancore. The allotment of Rs. 3,280 under 'Office expenses' includes besides the usual items of lighting charges, subscription to periodicals, etc., provision for the purchase of type-writer for the Diwan Peishkar's Office and also for the Taluk Offices. The provision of Rs. 3,500 under 'Miscellaneous' is for conveyance of tapals and jamabandy records, binding of registers and gazettes, search fees in agricultural loan cases, watering charges of plants in village office compounds, etc. Provision has also been made under the head for providing iron racks in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk Office (Rs. 1,200) and for the supply of a pair of scales to the Mukundapuram treasury (Rs. 250).

Agriculture and Panchayats.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 4,30,900 against the revised estimate of Rs. 3,54,000, the increase being mainly under 'Panchayats'. Under 'Instruments and accessories' an increase of Rs. 1,000 over the revised estimate of Rs. 5,250 is provided for additional equipments to the Laboratory. The provision of Rs. 900 under 'Agriculture—Miscellaneous' is for subscription to journals, demonstration, etc. The enhanced provision for 'casual labour' under 'Farm operations' is chiefly due o the transfer of debit of the pay of the non-pensionable farm servants to

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this head. The provision of Rs. 7,625 under 'Farm—Miscellaneous' is for lighting charges, repair of roads and fences, silt clearing tanks and wells, purchase and repair of vessels, etc. The main gardens, that have to be maintained with the allotment of Rs. 36,881 are the Hill Palace gardens, the Tullocks gardens, the Spring-field and Elkhill gardens, the Irwin Park, etc. The provision of Rs. 2,950 under 'Cocoanut station—other charges,' is towards casual labour, cattle food, manure, fencing, etc., and that of Rs. 8,800 under 'Avenues—other charges' is for new plantings, purchase of implements, weeding charges, etc. The increase under 'Panchayats' is chiefly due to the larger allotments provided for 'Communications' and 'Water supply', the details of which are given in Appendix A to the budget estimate. The entertainment of a field staff for supervision over the Panchayats works accounts for the increase under 'Establishment' and 'Travelling Allowance'. A lump provision of Rs. 20,000 has been made for the execution of sanctioned works not executed or only partly executed in 1105 so that transfers from other works may be avoided later on. The provision of Rs. 1,600 under 'Veterinary Hospitals—Miscellaneous' is for purchase of bazaar drugs, instruments, etc.

Co-operative.—The enhanced provision of Rs. 6,000 under 'Travelling allowance' is mainly due to the appointment of an additional Inspector and the increased rates of travelling allowance sanctioned under the new scheme of revision. The fact that the Inspectors have in future to assemble together at one centre to attend joint conferences to be convened periodically for he purpose of improving the condition of bad societies as well as to gather data for the preparation of administration reports, etc., also accounts for the increase under the head. The increase under 'House-rent' over the current year's estimate is due to the provision made towards the house-rent of the additional Inspector. The provision of Rs. 400 under 'Miscellaneous' is for the purchase of a type-writer, binding periodicals, etc., and that of Rs. 200 under 'Office expenses' is for lighting charges, subscription to journals, etc.

Excise.—The decrease of Rs. 1,79,200 as compared with the revised estimate of the current year is due to the fact that according to the suggestions of the Special Finance Committee, the allotment for purchase of salt has been made under 'Advances'. The provision of Rs. 1,300 under 'Office expenses' is for lighting charges, conveyance charges, etc., and that of Rs. 3,440 under 'Miscellaneous' is towards charges for marking trees, maintenance of revenue defaulters in jails, purchase of a type-writer, a beam scale for Malippuram depot, repairs to the bund at the Narakkal Fish-curing Yard, etc.

Stamps anticipates an increase of Rs. 5,700 over the revised estimate of Rs. 40,100 due to the larger provision made for purchasing stamps and stamp papers.

Forests.—As compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 3,67,700 the budget estimate anticipates an increase of Rs. 29,600. Increased extraction and transport of timber from O. W. C. is expected and consequently larger provisions have been made for the same. The provision of Rs. 650 under 'Office expenses' is for lighting charges, conveyance of records, etc.

Tramway.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,33,700 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,28,600 the increase being mainly on account of the provisions made under 'Capital' for the purchase of one mile of rails and materials, a new boiler and new truck wheels.

Registration.—Provision is made for a 'Temporary establishment' consisting of a Registrar, three clerks and three peons for the new Registry Office proposed at Kallettumkara for the convenience of the people of the surrounding

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parts. The two other clerks are for meeting the increased work in the Registry Offices at Nellai and Vadakkancheri. The staff of the Trichur Registry Office is proposed to be strengthened by the addition of a clerk and provision therefor has been made under the establishment of the District Registrars. The enhanced allotments under 'Rents' and 'Purchase and repair of furniture' is due to the new Registry Office. The provision of Rs. 778 under 'Office expenses' is towards lighting and oiling charges, binding charges of register volumes, purchase of lanterns, locks and keys, seals, repair to clocks, etc., and that of Rs. 550 under 'Miscellaneous' is on account of conveyance charges, the cost of registration special inks, etc.

Anchal.—There are no items that call for explanation except that the decreased estimate of Rs. 1,427 under 'Commission on sale of Stamps' is due to the reduction in the rate of commission to 2½% and the increased allotment under 'Office Expenses' (Rs. 2,500 as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 1,520) is due to the proposed debit of the allowance to the Branch Anchal Masters to this head according to the orders on the Special Finance Committee Report.

General Administration.—The budget estimate exceeds the revised estimate of Rs. 1,24,200 by Rs. 16,600 the increase being mainly due to the provision made for Census Operations. Besides the usual charges on account of lighting, allowance of the record box carrier and central records masapadi, etc., a provision of Rs. 350 for the purchase of a type-writer has also been made under 'Huzur-Office expenses' which accounts for the increase under the head as compared with the revised estimate. The provision under 'Miscellaneous' is, as usual, for bonus to the typists and clerks in connection with the Legislative Council work, allowance for the Huzur tennis court, etc. The increased allotment under 'Legislative Council—Office expenses' is due to a provision of Rs. 1,000 for charges in connection with the ensuing election.

Accounts and Finance.—The only provision which needs explanation is that of Rs. 1,250 for the special officer for compiling departmental Account Codes. The work could not be completed in the current year as expected and provision has been made for 5 months (including the pay for Karkadagam 1104). Another provision requiring explanation is that of Rs. 320 for the entertainment of two additional auditors for 4 months in connection with the proposed Test Audit of the grant-in-aid account and registers. Government are spending annually a large amount by way of grant-in-aid to schools and they consider it very desirable to have a test audit of them. The allotment of Rs. 750 under 'office expenses and Miscellaneous' includes the cost of a type-writer besides the usual charges on account of lighting, maintenance of garden, etc.

Law and Justice.—The provision of Rs. 1,550 under 'Office expenses Chief Court', is towards the railway fare, for prisoners, fees to defend poor prisoners, printing judgments in criminal cases, etc., etc., while that of Rs. 1,500 under 'District Courts—Office expenses and miscellaneous' is for the purchase of law books, subscription to the Indian Law Reports, fees to vakils to defend poor prisoners in sessions cases, etc. Again the provision of Rs. 1,250 under Munsiff's Court—'Office expenses and miscellaneous'—is for the purchase of law books to the different Munsiffs' courts, lighting charges, etc., while that of Rs. 1,650 under Criminal Justice 'miscellaneous' is towards rent, subscription to Law Periodicals, trainage and diet of prisoners sent to foreign territories on extradition, purchase of law books, etc.

Jails.—The provision of Rs.3,500 under 'Central Jail—miscellaneous' is for lighting charges, purchase of medicines, purchase and repair of furniture, trainage of released convicts, etc., etc.

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Police.—The budget estimate for 1106 is fixed at Rs. 2,31,200 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 2,04,500. Provision has been made for the continuance of the temporary traffic staff besides for the strengthening of the Police Executive force by an Inspector and two Head Constables for the proposed Hill Palace Police Station. The increased provision of Rs. 15,050 under 'miscellaneous' is inclusive of the allotment for the purchase of 3 fire engines for Chittur, Trichur and Kunnamkulam Police Stations.

Education—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 14,82,200, *i. e.*, Rs. 1,15,400 more than the revised estimate. The increase is mainly under establishment charges due to the general revision of pay. As a result of the revision, enhanced provisions have been made under 'grants-in-aid' also. Under 'Collegiate Education' a provision of Rs. 5,000 has been made for special grant to the St. Thomas' College, Trichur. The provision of Rs. 1,600 under 'Collegiate Education—Miscellaneous' is towards the printing charges of examination papers, college calendar, library catalogue, etc., while the provisions under 'Secondary Education—Miscellaneous' are for the purchase of paper for examination purposes and for other sundry expenses.

Medical.—Anticipates an increase of Rs. 45,900 over the revised estimate. Apart from the general revision, the main increase is under 'cost of medicines,' 'dietary charges' and 'bedding and clothing' due to the increase in the number of patients. The allotment of Rs. 8,330 under 'miscellaneous' includes besides the usual charges on account of lighting, washing, etc., provision for the sinking of a well for Anthikad Dispensary.

Sanitation and Conservancy.—The budget estimate exceeds the revised estimate of Rs. 60,600 by Rs. 31,700 mainly on account of increased provisions for Town Improvement:— Works in view of the fact that the maintenance of trunk roads under Municipalities has been taken over by the Government. A new feature of the budget is the provision of Rs. 5,000 for the preliminary expenses in connection with the opening of Municipalities at Irinjalakkuda and Kunnamkulam. The cost on account of sweepers and thotties has now been debited to the contingent head 'cleaning charges' and hence the provision therefor in accordance with the proposals of the Special Finance Committee.

Pension and Gratuity.—As against the revised estimate of Rs. 2,11,400 a provision of Rs. 2,39,100 is made for 1106 and the increase is mainly due to the increase in the number of pensions and the expected retirement of some salaried officers.

Stationery and Printing.—Out of the provision of Rs. 2,000 under 'Printing-Office expenses' a sum of Rs. 1,000 is for putting up electric lights in the Press which though provided for in the current year could not be utilised and the balance is towards the supply of fuel, kerosene oil, charges for the supply of electric current, etc., while the allotment of Rs. 1,500 under "miscellaneous" is for the adjustment on account of service labels for despatch of Gazettes, railway freight for sending printed forms, cooly charges, etc.

Military.—The increase of Rs. 5,100 over the revised estimate of Rs. 1,14,200 is mainly on account of a provision of Rs. 3,600 for purchase of horses under 'miscellaneous'.

Public Works Department.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 18,17,400. There has been an increase under 'Establishment' owing to the reorganisation of the department and the opening of a third division under a separate Assistant Engineer to cope with the increasing work of the department and to pay adequate attention to the Irrigation system of the State. Buildings consume a large portion of the expenditure, chiefly

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on account of the provision of Rs. 3,00,000 for the shifting of the Maharaja's College to Anappara. Under Irrigation, the items that call for special mention are the provision of Rs. 45,000 for the first stage in the construction of a canal from Muriyad lake to Murkanadkayal for Karuvannur flood protection and a provision of Rs. 14,900 for the improvement of the Chittur Irrigation systems. A lump provision of Rs. 50,000 has been made for execution of sanctioned works not executed or partly executed in 1105. In the Mechanical budget Rs. 15,000 has been provided for the Hydro-Electric Scheme for the investigation of which a Special Officer has been deputed.

Scientific, etc., Department.—The provision of Rs. 1,000 under 'Ethnography' is as usual for the publication of the Anthropological book by Mr. Ananthakrishna Ayyar, viz., the third volume of the Cochin Tribes and Castes which was not completed in the year as expected.

The provision of Rs. 900 under 'A—Museum—other charges' is partly towards the conveyance allowance of the Honorary Superintendent, purchase of specimens, etc. The feeding charges of animals, repair of cages, purchase of animals, etc., are expected to be met from the allotment of Rs. 10,925 under 'Zoo-other charges' while the provision of Rs. 1,005 under 'Gardens-other charges' is for arrangements for pipe-laying in the gardens', purchase of fountains jets, construction of masonry lawns, etc. Provision is made for opening 3 more commercial classes. The provisions under 'miscellaneous' in the several sections are for subscription to journals, lighting charges, service labels, rent, cleaning charges, etc. Larger provision is made under 'Stoneware Factory' for manufacture on a larger scale.

Uplift of the Depressed Classes.—As against the revised estimate of Rs. 96,600 the budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 1,09,500, increased provisions having been made for the opening and maintenance of colonies and grants-in-aid to new schools.

Miscellaneous.—The budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 45,300 only, the large increase in the current year being due to special circumstances already explained.

The following is a list of the items of expenditure which have been newly provided for in the budget estimate of 1106 and which are not continuations of the existing temporary schemes :—

Serial No.	Items	Provision Rs.
	1. Land Revenue.	
1	Training of Tahsildars in survey and account work	2,800
2	Do of clerks in do	1,000
3	Survey school for Village Officers	1,608
4	Special Officer for renewal of State holdings in Puthenchira Pakuthi of Travancore	150

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	11. Registration.	
5	Temporary establishment for Kallettumkara Registry Office consisting of a Registrar, two clerks and two peons	2,028
	17. Police—(Miscellaneous).	
6	Purchase of three fire engines	11,500
	23. Sanitation and Conservancy.	
7	Contribution for opening new Municipalities	5,000
	26. Military—(Miscellaneous).	
8	Purchase of horses	3,600

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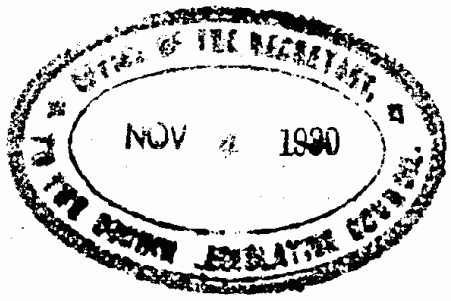

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